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Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.

**Jill M. Booth named new Region V Administrator for State Court
Administrative Office**

[Press release](#)

The MiLW Blog: Board of Law Examiners gets first executive director

"Amidst a not-so-great February 2013 bar exam passage rate, the Michigan Supreme Court has named Jana L. Benjamin as the very first executive director of the Board of Law Examiners. Benjamin will assist the board in overseeing and administering the bar examination, which is given each February and July."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

SBM Blog: Jana L. Benjamin Named Executive Director of the Board of Law Examiners

[Full story](#)

Jana L. Benjamin named Executive Director, Board of Law Examiners

[Press release](#)

The Detroit News: Case handled by U-M law students is revived

"The Michigan Supreme Court has made a key ruling that reopens a criminal case handled by law students at the University of Michigan.... The Supreme Court this week told the appeals court to start over, take another look at [Dawan] Tyner's case and hear arguments."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Associated Press: Case handled by Mich. law students is revived

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Oakland Press.

Detroit Free Press: Video recap: Watch embattled Judge Wade McCree's misconduct trial

"Wayne County Circuit Court Judge McCree is accused of misconduct in office by the Michigan Judicial Tenure Commission. Watch testimony from McCree, his former mistress, Geniene La'Shay Mott, and others involved with the case."

[Full story](#)

The Detroit News: Man convicted of murder on false testimony resentenced, may be free this year

"An Oakland County man who was serving a life term for a fatal 2007 shooting could be paroled later this year after being resentenced Friday in Oakland County Circuit Court. A murder conviction and mandatory life term for Daniel "Little Dog" Butler, 33, were set aside earlier this year after prosecutors acknowledged that a man who claimed he saw the gunfire outside a Pontiac biker club on Jan. 20, 2007, had been in prison at the time."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Free Press: Jury seated in trial of officer accused in death of Aiyana Stanley-Jones

"... Journalists were allowed into Wayne County Circuit Judge Cynthia Gray Hathaway's courtroom [Thursday] after being banned a day earlier, when Hathaway said there wasn't enough space, over the objection of the Free Press. She said the news media would be allowed today once the jury pool had dwindled."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The Detroit News: Aiyana trial jury seated

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: Judges prepare to make the transition to new Business Court (second article)

"The Oakland County Circuit Court's new Business Court will 'Open for Business' on July 1, 2013. In order to provide for a seamless transition, the court will begin assigning business cases to Business Court Judges Wendy Potts and James Alexander as of Monday, June 3."

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Oakland County Legal News.

Detroit Legal News: Straker Bar to honor 4 with Trailblazer Awards

"The D. Augustus Straker Bar Association will honor Earlene Baggett-Hayes, [46th District Court Judge] Shelia Johnson, Reginald M. Turner and Lawrence C. Mann with its annual Trailblazer Awards on Thursday, June 13, starting at 5 p.m. at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham. The award honors outstanding individuals who are trailblazers in the legal community."

[Full story](#)

Flint-Genesee County Legal News: Michigan Supreme Court Justice speaks at Cooley Graduation

"Michigan Supreme Court Justice Stephen J. Markman served as the keynote speaker Sunday [May 19] for commencement at the Thomas M. Cooley Law School. Markman, who has been a member of the court since his appointment in 1999, addressed the crowd of graduates and their families during the school's 113th graduation ceremony. Some 486 graduates were awarded their Juris Doctor degree, while 20 earned their LL.M. degree."

[Full story](#)

Flint-Genesee County Legal News: Family Joint

"The Family Court Annual Joint Meeting of the Oakland County Bar Association Family Court Committee and the Wayne County Family Law Bar Association took place on Wednesday, May 15, at Regency Manor in Southfield. Among those gathering for the meeting were ... Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Kathleen McCarthy, Family Division; ... Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Joan Young, Family Division [among others.]"

[Full story](#)

Macomb County Legal News: Discussing appellate advocacy in the 21st century

"This year's program called 'Appellate Advocacy in the 21st Century — Bench and Bar Working Together to Achieve Justice Under the Law' was held at the Inn of St. John's in Plymouth. The conference is held every three years. Conference sponsors included the Michigan Appellate Bench Bar Conference Foundation, the State Bar of Michigan Appellate Practice Section, the Michigan Supreme Court, and the Michigan Court of Appeals."

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: What's cooking: Annual Bench Bar Culinary Challenge fires up June 12

"The upcoming 6th Annual Bench Bar Culinary Challenge offers a delicious mixture of competition, camaraderie and charity.... The gathering features a grilling competition between Grilled By the Bench and Grilled By the Hour, as well as competitions in the appetizers and desserts categories."

[Full story](#)

WXYZ-TV(7)/Detroit: Union activist files new court challenge to Detroit's Emergency Manager over private meetings

"A local activist who's been fighting to unseat Detroit's emergency manager is heading back to court again. This time Robert Davis filed an emergency motion claiming state officials violated the open meetings act in their selection of Kevyn Orr. His latest move claims that part of the selection process for Orr was done behind closed doors."

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